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Fiber 10 Network Consortium Update

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Good Morning Everyone,

We wanted to give an update on the Fiber 10 Network Initiative.

Project Manager

For those of you who haven't worked with him yet, we welcome David Mendez to the Region 10 team serving as the project manager for the fiber consortium. He comes with years of experience as a technology director in education. David will serve as your primary point of contact going forward.

E-Rate Funding

The consortium has not yet received an FDCL (basically funding for the project) from USAC. The project has passed all of the various fiber reviews and is in the final stage, Special Compliance Review. We expect to get an update in the next day or so from USAC to get a better understanding of which wave of funding we will be included. Even though the approval for large fiber consortiums across the state has been slower than expected (other Regions have experienced the same slow review process), we are confident funding will come in the next month.

Buildout Information

Buildout of the entire network is expected to be complete by May of 2020. Based on updated Zayo engineering and information gathered from the site walks, Zayo has determined that a few circuits we wanted operational by July 1 will probably not be ready until sometime later that month. This is partly due to the length and complexity in reaching certain districts in addition to the aforementioned time it has taken USAC to process the large consortium funding requests.

All consortium districts will receive an email today with the present status of your circuit. We want to ensure you are covered in the event approval of the project is further delayed or there are difficulties with the build to your site. Every district desiring a July 1, 2019 delivery date has unique requirements concerning your FY19 E-rate submission, but there are a number of ways you may deal with the upcoming 471 filing deadline. Either work with your current provider to establish a month to month agreement or sign an additional one year agreement (contingent on the funding and circuit availability of the consortium). If you do sign a new contract, please do not make it longer than a one year as the entire network will be available to all districts by May 2020.

Thank you for being a part of this project. The final touches are being made to a website we created to convey the latest information about Fiber 10. We will hold a Technology Leader roundtable in April – one topic of discussion will center around envisioning ways to leverage the new network.

Please reach out to David Mendez (972-348-1172) or myself with any questions.

Regards,

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